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HSU faces lengthy defense on fraud charges

Paul Mann

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ARCATA – Humboldt State University will likely have to turn over thousands of pages of sensitive financial records in response to a multi-pronged employee lawsuit that alleges the theft of school and scholarship funds by the athletics department's highest ranking officials, among other charges.

Following an interim session in Humboldt County Superior Court last week, plaintiff Dan Pambianco's attorney, Peter E. Martin of Eureka, told a reporter he has requested "voluminous" records in the suit.

"We're right at the beginning of discovery and we're asking HSU for a lot," Martin said, including "records of the president's discretionary fund, athletics department travel budgets and expenses and various other accounts in the athletics budget over a period of several years. It's going to take a while to figure out the sources of improper spending."

Owing to the time in-

PAMBIANCO ❖ A2



WARMTH AND WONDER

Arcata City Hall employees again teamed with North Coast Children's Services to make Christmas special for disadvantaged local children. Six families were identified and assisted with everything from clothing to utility bills and grocery store gift cards. The Arcata Police Association alone raised \$550 for food and clothing. Top, City Hallers and their gifts. Above right, the gifts are loaded for delivery. Below right, Rabbi Elyahu Cowen lights a Menorah on the Plaza as part of Chabad of Humboldt's celebration of the Hanukkah Festival of Lights.

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Witnesses stymie defense in Arcata fatal stabbing case

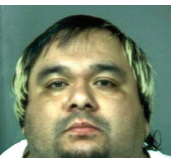
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HUMBOLDT - Three Arcata residents deemed material witnesses by the defense in the case against Juan Joseph Ferrer for murder have eluded repeated defense attempts to reach them.

Ferrer's defense attorney, Deputy Conflict Counsel Marek Reavis, said that Virginia Jimenez, Cher Southard and Sarah Brody have avoided his investigator's multiple efforts to interview them about last year's fatal street-side stabbing in Arcata of Abruzzi chef Douglas Anderson-Jordet, 50.

FERRER ❖ A4



Juan Joseph Ferrer

Murder suspect cedes hearing rights

Paul Mann

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HUMBOLDT – Jason Michael Arreaga, 29, the Lucerne man charged with the gunshot slayings of two Eureka residents in Fieldbrook in early September, has waived his right to a preliminary hearing and will be arraigned on Jan. 5 at 2 p.m. in Humboldt County Superior Court.

A preliminary hearing decides if a prosecutor has enough evidence to go ahead with criminal proceedings. The defense is accorded the right to respond and the hearing judge determines, based on probable cause, if the evidence warrants sending the suspect to trial.

Arreaga's decision enables him to forestall the district attorney lodging further charges against him if new evidence came to light in the preliminary hearing.

At a brief session Dec. 17 before Judge Marilyn B. Miles, Deputy Public Defender Heidi Holmquist moved for the waiver, saying the preliminary hearing – "a trial before the trial" – would only have taken in what was

ARREAGA ❖ A4



Jason Michael Arreaga

CHP kills machete-wielding teen

Officer gravely injured

Kevin L. Hoover

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WILLOW CREEK – A sudden, unexplained explosion of violence along a Willow Creek roadside left a teenage boy dead and a California Highway Patrol officer seriously injured early Friday morning, Dec. 19. The officer remains hospitalized with injuries inflicted with a machete.

Preliminary details of the incident were explained by CHP Capt. Adam Jager and Sheriff Mike Downey during a Friday afternoon press conference at the Humboldt County Courthouse.



SOMBER BRIEFING Sheriff Mike Downey and CHP Captain Adam Jager discuss the Hoopa incident, with the SR 299 location projected on a screen. KLH | UNION

According to Jager, the incident began at 1:35 a.m. with the reported collision of a vehicle into a telephone pole. A Willow

MACHETE ❖ A5

Support for rent control?

Jack Durham

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MCKINLEYVILLE – An effort is underway to enact rent control in Humboldt County to protect mobile home owners.

The epicenter of the movement is the unincorporated community of McKinleyville, where a 127-unit mobile home park is in escrow and about to change hands from the Swanlund family to a large out-of-the-area corporation. Residents at the Ocean West Senior Village on Murray Road are concerned that rents could be jacked up by the new owner, making it difficult, if not impossible, for seniors on fixed incomes to

keep their homes in the park. Residents of other parks in Humboldt County are also concerned that the same thing could happen to them, as investors across the country gobble up potentially lucrative mobile home parks.

Asking for support for rent control, park residents filled the Azalea Conference Center Wednesday, Dec. 17 for the monthly meeting of the McKinleyville Municipal Advisory Committee (McKMAC). It was an unusually well-attended public meeting for the town, with nearly every chair in the room filled and a record attendance of

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ARCATA – Join the team of volunteers who advise the Arcata City Council and staff on building design, multi-modal transportation options, road maintenance and police services.

The influential Historic and Design Review Commission seeks a member. Commissioners attend two meetings a month on the second and fourth Wednesday at 4 p.m.

The five-member commission reviews building and site designs for proposed projects in Arcata. Applications are due by 5 p.m. this Friday, Dec. 26. Interviews with the City Council take place on Wednesday, Jan. 7, between 5 and 6 p.m.

The Transaction and Use Tax Oversight Committee has one vacancy. It reports to the City Council the result of the review of General Fund public works (streets) and public safety budgets and makes recommendations for general fund expenditure. Knowledge of budgetary and fiscal processes is helpful.

Transportation Safety Committee members advise the council and staff on transportation matters. The committee meets once a month on the third Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

Contact the Arcata City Manager's Office at (707) 822-5953. Applications are available at 736 F St., Arcata or at CityofArcata.org.



STILLMAN SURPRISE Former Arcata City Councilmember Alex Stillman was honored with a surprise luncheon at Plaza Grill Monday, Dec. 15. In a luncheon attended by dozens of colleagues and friends, the great lady of Arcata politics was lauded with stories, praise and hugs. Next day, she was off to New Zealand for a well-earned vacation. TOP LEFT PHOTO BY MATT FILAR | UNION; OTHERS BY KLH | UNION

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – The Arcata Public Works Department is soliciting bids for the construction of the Foster Avenue extension project, which will connect Highway 101 with Alliance Boulevard. This project has a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal of six percent. Qualified contractors possessing a Class “A” license are encouraged to submit bids by 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20, to the City Manager's Office at Arcata City Hall, 736 F St. Bids will be opened at that time in City Council Chamber.



A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 6, at 1 p.m. The meeting will begin in the City Council Chamber at Arcata City Hall, followed by a project site walk-through.

The Foster Avenue Extension Project is anticipated to relieve some traffic,

including truck traffic, on Samoa Boulevard. The project includes construction of 10-foot multiuse paved path, concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter, asphalt pavement, pavement striping and markings, signage, storm drain piping, storm drain inlets, water and wastewater system extension, retaining walls and drainage swales.

The current construction cost estimate is \$2.2 million dollars; \$ 1.77 million is funded by the California State Transportation Improvements Program (STIP) and the Arcata Public Works Department will request

General Fund Measure G tax revenue for the remainder. This will help to make a better connected, multi-modal transportation system which will allow trucks and

all other vehicles to have a middle entrance to the city, keeping truck and vehicular travel to a minimum.

The Arcata City Council is expected to consider the submitted bids on or after Jan. 21. Construction may begin after April 15.

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Ferrer | Defense seeks info on alleged insults, slurs & hostile behavior

❖ **FROM A1**

Each of the three provided statements to Arcata Police in the immediate aftermath of the stabbing, statements which, according to Reavis, included crucial observations about the victim’s alleged patterns of belligerent behavior when intoxicated.

But all three have engaged in “repeated ducking” of follow-up defense interviews, Reavis said at a hearing Dec. 17 in Humboldt County Superior Court, where a trial date was set for April 6. Four attempts by the Sheriff’s Office to serve subpoenas have also been fruitless, he emphasized.

Reavis explained to a reporter after the hearing that Virginia Jimenez was Anderson-Jordet’s ex-girlfriend at the time of his death and thoroughly familiar with his heavy drinking habit. “But they were still friends when he died,” the attorney said, and they had socialized together the afternoon and early evening before the alleged murder, which occurred between 1 and 2 a.m. on Nov. 25, 2013, on H street between 11th and 12th streets.

Reavis identified Cher Southard as the manager of the Crew House Arcata, where Jimenez and Anderson-Jordet resided separately. Like Jimenez, Southard told police she was familiar with the victim’s aggressive behavior when inebriated, according to Reavis.

The defense’s third material

witness, Sarah Brody, reportedly overheard the quarrel from her apartment window when the brief but fatal encounter between Ferrer and Anderson-Jordet occurred.

Reavis said he has no idea why the three are avoiding contact. He acknowledged that they are under no legal obligation to meet with him or his investigator. “I don’t want to make enemies of these people,” he added, “but a man’s life hangs in the balance and they are critical and material witnesses, based on what they’ve already told police.”

Reavis summarized the content of the police statements, all recorded, that the three submitted after Anderson-Jordet’s death. Ex-girlfriend Jimenez lunched with him the day before the slaying and they shared a bottle of wine. They spent the afternoon together and returned to the Crew House Arcata, at 1390 I St. Jimenez prepared soup, while Anderson-Jordet consumed “five or six beers” in the hours before 8 p.m.

“She broke off the visit at eight because, apparently from past experience, she knew from the amount he had already drunk that Doug would become belligerent,” Reavis recounted.

Crew House manager Southard told police she had decided not to renew Anderson-Jordet’s lease because, in Reavis’s recounting, “He had gotten into altercations

with other residents.”

When the fatal quarrel broke out in the early morning of Nov. 25, Brody “heard yelling and cursing beneath her window from a male voice that she characterized as ‘enraged,’” Reavis quoted her as telling police. He recounted: “Below her apartment, the same male voice passed under her window going north on H Street. It came back down again, continuing to shout insults and slurs, including ‘Fuck you and your fat girlfriend!’”

That referred to Sophie Buttercup Rocheleau of Arcata, one of Ferrer’s companions when the drunken standoff broke out.

Reavis explained, “From Brody’s statement to police, it is clear that Anderson-Jordet walked north on H Street past her window and then came back down to accost Mr. Ferrer and his companions. According to Ms. Brody, Anderson-Jordet was cursing and shouting slurs at them the entire time,” meaning Ferrer, Rocheleau and a third companion, Nicholas Stoiber.

The testimony of Jimenez, Southard and Brody is pivotal to the defense, Reavis underscored, because it corroborates Ferrer’s version of the spontaneous confrontation: that he was frightened by Anderson-Jordet’s behavior and acted in self-defense, intending the knife he opened to deter Anderson-Jordet from assaulting

him, but not to kill him.

Rocheleau, 25, and Stoiber, 29, were sentenced Nov. 12 to three years’ probation and to court-ordered drug and alcohol assessments, after pleading guilty to misdemeanor battery. They stood accused of kicking and beating Anderson-Jordet. The victim’s family asked that Stoiber and Rocheleau undergo treatment for substance abuse, protesting that their loved one died defenseless and alone in the street and none of the assailants sought emergency medical treatment afterward.

Originally, Stoiber pleaded no contest to assault with force likely to cause bodily injury without a weapon. Rocheleau initially faced the same charge, but pleaded no contest instead to misdemeanor battery. Ferrer previously agreed to plead to involuntary manslaughter instead of murder, on grounds he killed Anderson-Jordet accidentally.

Anderson-Jordet was a stranger to the three defendants. According to Reavis, his blood alcohol level was 0.23, nearly three times the legal limit to drive, when the killing occurred.

Reavis requested the April 6 trial date, readily accepted by District Attorney Paul Gallegos, who will step down Jan. 5 to be succeeded by the recently elected Maggie Fleming. The spring schedule will allow ample time to complete defense team forensics,

Reavis said. Still pending, for example, are the results of analysis of blood evidence at the crime scene. Investigators found drops of Anderson-Jordet’s blood by his body and on top of his shoes at 12th and H streets, where samples were taken that night.

Several days later, however, Arcata police investigators returned to 11th and H, adjoining Vintage Avenger, where they pinpointed degraded blood evidence. Reavis estimated that Anderson-Jordet walked some 140 paces up the semi-steep hill toward Wildberries Marketplace before he collapsed. The California Department of Justice is conducting a comparative analysis of the divergent samples.

Ferrer appeared at the Dec. 17 hearing but did not speak and remains behind bars. Although he has no prior criminal record, retired Deputy District Attorney Elan Firpo said last summer that at first he refused to cooperate with her office. Initially, she said, he denied the stabbing, refused to give up the murder weapon and left town immediately after the crime.

Ferrer, 36, who worked as a caregiver for mentally disturbed patients for many years, faces a murder charge and possible life in prison if convicted.

Reavis characterized the death as “a tragic accident for everyone involved, including Anderson-Jordet’s family.”

Arreaga | Fieldbrook murders committed with ‘malice of forethought’

❖ **FROM A1**

already charged. That implies the prosecution’s case is considered strong.

Arreaga has pleaded not guilty to two counts of murder and six special allegations pertaining to the use of a firearm, a handgun, in the alleged killings of Harley Wayne Hammers Jr., and Angel Robin Tully, both 37, of Eureka. He faces a maximum sentence of up to 80 years to life, according to Deputy District Attorney Kelly Neel.

Both murders were committed “with

malice of forethought,” court documents allege. They were reported shortly after 5 p.m. on Sept. 3, 2013.

Deputy District Attorney Zachary Curtis affirmed Holmquist’s motion for waiver and Miles outlined the rights Arreaga was giving up. They include reviewing and challenging the state’s evidence, cross-examining prosecution witnesses and evaluating the validity of their testimony.

Standing impassively and looking down at the floor occasionally with Holmquist at his side, Arreaga mumbled “yes” tonelessly

each time Miles asked if he understood the consequences of the waiver.

According to court and arrest records, Arreaga’s not guilty plea may be challenged by at least one eyewitness at the scene in the 4400 block of Fieldbrook Road, who identified a male matching Arreaga’s description.

Further, the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office obtained access to a video at Blue Lake Casino that filmed Arreaga in a 2001 gold Buick four-door sedan that had been observed at the scene of the murders.

Deputies later arrested Arreaga in a car of that description when they intercepted him at the Singly Hill off ramp in Loleta on Sept. 4, 2013 at about 12:30 a.m., some seven and a half hours after the shootings.

Tully was found dead of a gunshot wound at 4406 Fieldbrook Rd. Police found Hammers suffering from a similar wound in a red Mazda pickup truck across the street, at 4415 Fieldbrook Rd. He died shortly after being transported to Mad River Community Hospital in Arcata.

Rent | Controlling costs at mobile home parks

❖ **FROM A1**

more than 50 people at the county advisory committee meeting.

Rent control would require an ordinance, which would have to be considered by the Humboldt County Planning Commission and approved by the Board of Supervisors. It would apply to the entire county, not just McKinleyville.

Although the McKMAC is strictly an advisory committee, it does appear to have some influence. For example, last year the McKMAC held several meetings on how to beef up local law enforcement and public safety services. The committee recommended a sales tax measure, which the Board of Supervisors ultimately put on the ballot. It passed in November and will fund public safety positions in McKinleyville and throughout the county starting this year.

Approached by McKinleyville park residents about rent control, Fifth District Supervisor Ryan Sundberg suggested that the issue first be brought before McKMAC, which is charged with advising the county on issues affecting

the McKinleyville area.

So at the Dec. 17 McKMAC meeting, park residents showed up en masse and made their case.

“We must have your help to preserve our affordable housing and prevent wealthy investors from buying up this inventory and jacking the rents up,” said Hilary Mosher, president of the Ocean West Homeowners’ Association.

Mosher explained how the Ocean West Senior Village was up for sale, and park residents unsuccessfully tried to buy it from the Swanlund Family. Working with a non-profit housing agency, park residents offered the \$6.5 million asking price, Mosher said. Instead, the family sold the park and adjacent properties to Inspire Communities. According to its website, Inspire Communities owns 32 mobile home parks in 12 states.

That same company bought the Lazy J Mobile Home Park in Arcata last year and raised the rents by 10 percent across the board, Mosher said.

While residents can complain about such increases,

there is little they can do about them compared to residents of an apartment or house, where tenants at least have the opportunity to move. But according to some residents of the mobile home park, moving is not an option.

“Thinking that maybe I should move my manufactured home, I looked into it and found that the term ‘mobile home’ is an oxymoron,” Mosher told the McKMAC. “Unless the home was built 20 or even 10 years ago, haulers’ insurance won’t cover moving it because of ‘possible road-worthiness issues.’ And even if you can find a hauler, it costs about \$10,000 to relocate a double wide.”

The situation leaves many mobile home owners stuck on the lots they rent, at the mercy of the landlord.

During the decades that Ocean West was operated by the Swanlund Family, rent increases were based upon the cost of living index. Residents say rents went up from one to three percent a year, depending on inflation.

But with new owners, the rental increases are uncertain. Without rent control,

park owners can raise rents as high as they want.

Mosher and other rent control proponents who spoke do not have specific rent control proposals. They just want some sort of protection.

One supporter of rent control said it’s important to strike a balance. An ordinance needs to protect mobile home owners, but it can’t be so onerous that no one wants to own a mobile home park.

The idea for rent control received a mostly positive, albeit cautious, reception from the McKMAC members. Some of the committee members said they needed more information before endorsing the idea of rent control and voted to have the proposal be further discussed at the McKMAC’s Jan. 28 meeting. The committee also directed the county Planning Department to research rent


control and come back to the committee with more information. On two separate motions – one to delay taking a position, and one to gather more information – the vote was six to one, with Craig Tucker dissenting. Tucker had argued that the board should move ahead and vote in favor of the rent control proposal, rather than waiting until the end of January.

Sundberg said as long as the county Planning Department is conducting research, the McKMAC’s decision should not result in any delays. The Board of Supervisors cannot take up the issue until that research is completed, he said.

McKMAC Chairman Ben Shepherd said that if the rent control proposal moves forward, the entire process could take a year.

The McKMAC can be reached at mckinleyville-mac@gmail.com.

On The House...



Joanie and John Frederick

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‘8 1/2 Street’ isn’t going to happen

Tabitha Soden
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ARCATA – O and N streets will someday connect, but not via a new “8 1/2 Street” extension previously approved by the Arcata City Council.

At a meeting earlier this month, the council voted to reverse the Sept. 17 decision to create a mid-block link to N Street at what would have been 8 1/2 Street.

The street extension is in the same location as the planned Los Harbors project, which will construct a new multi-use industrial building. The planned project consists of 18 commercial lots, eight residential lots and two parking areas, but a decision on how to extend the street must be reached before the project can move forward.

Jesse Johnson of Los Harbors said at the Dec. 3 meet-



THREE ALTERNATIVES Alternative A would have linked O Street to Eighth Street, but is located in the Coastal Zone and approval was considered impossible. Alternative B would have brought O Street to the mid-block of N Street between Eighth and Ninth streets. As approved, alternative C, the new link will someday stretch between O Street and Ninth Street. UNION-MODIFIED GOOGLE IMAGE

ing, “We just want to keep the ball rolling and hope we get a clear decision today.”

Many community members and business owners

have made it clear that a street extension is necessary.

In an email to the council, local business owners from True Motion Fitness

on O Street wrote, “This connection would provide better opportunity for our businesses to be recognized in the community and easily accessed.”

Several business people spoke in support of extending the road at Ninth Street.

Concerns about the 8 1/2 Street extension included the potential maneuvering difficulties for large trucks, the non-standard grid extension and the fact that though it is the shortest route it would need complete reconstruction.

Extending the road at Ninth Street would require less construction due to the existing pavement and would be easier for trucks to maneuver.

The council unanimously approved the extension of Ninth Street but it may be a few years before the roadwork is completed.

Arcata youth dies in Eureka homicide

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EUREKA – An unidentified Arcata 14-year-old died Wednesday, Dec. 17 in an incident Eureka Police are calling a homicide.

At about 8:22 a.m., EPD officers were dispatched on a report of an unresponsive male lying in the 2300 block of 15th Street. There, they located the subject and found him in need of immediate medical aid.

Lifesaving efforts were performed at St. Joseph Hospital, but the teen succumbed to his injuries.

This incident is being actively investigated as a homicide. Homicide detectives responded to the scene along with an evidence technician and took over the investigation.

According to EPD, the victim is a juvenile who



STREETSIDE REMEMBRANCE A makeshift memorial at the location of the suspected homicide.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

is known to law enforcement. Though the department initially declined to disclose the victim’s age and city of residence, published reports indicate that it was an Arcata youth.

Results of an autopsy conducted Saturday were not available at press time.

District’s quest for new water customers

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION
HUMBOLDT – The Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District is about to enter another round of negotiations on potential sales of its huge surplus of untreated water.

Created by the closure of Humboldt Bay’s pulp mills, the surplus amounts to a use level of 60 million gallons per day. Without users, the district will not revive its revenues and it could lose the water.

The realities of water use locally and in the state were explored at the Dec. 16 Board of Supervisors meeting. Two members of the district’s Board of Directors, Bruce Rupp and Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap, gave supervisors an update on the search for industrial water users.

District officials have already met with those from Sonoma and Marin counties. Rupp said another round of meetings will happen soon.

Loss of revenue has triggered rate increases for water users in the seven north county areas served by the district. The district’s state permit expires in 2029 and with the state’s

so-called “use it or lose it” clause, surplus water can be diverted to needy areas outside the county if it remains unused.

One of the primary options for high-level use of the water is transporting it out of the county to another municipal agency. Pipeline transport is the most cost-effective means, with a user price estimated at \$2,000 to \$3,000 per acre foot of water.

Rupp talked about realistic water costs to potential customers, using desalination as a basis of comparison. Desalinating ocean water costs about \$2,200 an acre foot, he said, adding that it’s a rough estimate because there is only one desalination plant operating in the state.

“There’s a real question about whether you can get a permit and how fast,” Rupp said, referring to desalination plant construction. With pipeline transport, “If we’re in the \$1,800 to \$2,500 range we’re probably there,” he continued.

Water prices vary – Rupp said agricultural users in Mendocino County are paying \$250 per acre foot – but so do levels of need. “Someone once

told me, ‘If you have water it’s pretty cheap but if you don’t have water it’s beyond value,’” Rupp said.

The district has completed a feasibility study on various water use options. It has been estimated that a pipeline going to counties south of here could cost up to \$400 million. “The key to it, in my judgment, is a customer in Sonoma or Marin county that defrays that cost – that’s going to be a key element,” Rupp said.

The expansion of the district’s service area within the county is also possible and may be more likely, he continued, as the district is developing its residential water capacity.

“We will be able to deliver more water, I believe, and service those areas,” he said.

The costs of pipeline transport may be increasingly realistic because water is trending toward high value. “Whether it’s climate change, drought or the global water situation – all three of those things point to these numbers being not really that much, really, when we’re talking about the most important resource on the face of the planet,” said Sopoci-Belknap.

Machete | Cause of attack presently unknown



❖ FROM A1

Creek CHP officer whom Jager declined to identify was called out from home and responded to the scene on State Route 299 near Blue Jay Lane.

On arrival, according to the preliminary narrative described by Jager, the officer met with the driver, a 17-year-old boy. The officer summoned a tow truck to take care of the vehicle. “Everything seemed normal at that point,” Jager said.

As the two walked around to the rear of the vehicle, Jager said, “there was a sudden, violent attack.”

The youth produced a machete and began slashing at the officer with it. The officer ducked, raised his left arm to defend himself and was struck in the arm and face with the machete.

The officer then fired his service weapon at the youth and fled to his vehicle. With his vision impaired from the injuries, the officer radioed for backup.

The youth, meanwhile, had returned to his vehicle and sat inside honking the horn. Witnesses said he threw objects from the car.

A second officer arrived about 10 minutes later to find the youth lying next to his vehicle, with no clothes on. Jager said the teen was “non-compliant and irrational,” and that the officer used his Taser in an attempt to subdue the youth, but he still resisted.

Two bystanders assisted the officer with handcuffing the youth, who began to succumb to his injuries. CPR

WEAPON AND LOCATION Above, a machete of the type the CHP says was used in the attack. Right, the Willow Creek location of the telephone pole collision.

GOOGLE MAPS LOCATION IMAGE



was performed on the youth, but he was soon pronounced dead at the scene.

The severely injured officer was rushed to Mad River Community Hospital, then flown to UC Davis Medical Center.

“He has serious injuries that can’t be treated here,” Jager said. Asked about a rumor that the officer lost fingers in the attack, Jager would only say that “He’s got serious injuries. Severe injuries.”

Jager said the injured officer was new to the area. A two-year CHP veteran, the officer had been transferred to Humboldt from the Bay Area on Dec. 2.

Trauma and inquiry

Jager’s voice cracked as he spoke of the young person’s death.

“This is difficult,” he said. “It’s a 17-year-old from Hoopa. Our hearts go out to the family of this young man.”

The initial account was based on fragmentary information. Jager said the injured officer had not yet been

interviewed about what happened.

The matter is being investigated by the Humboldt County Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT). CIRT consists of investigators from the District Attorney’s Office, Eureka Police Department, Arcata Police Department, State Department of Justice and the California Highway Patrol.

Hoopa Valley Tribe press release

Hoopa Valley Tribal Chairwoman Danielle Vigil-Masten expressed her condolences to those affected by the fatal altercation early this morning in Willow Creek.

“Our hearts go out to the family and friends of the young Hoopa tribal member who crossed over early Thursday morning and to the officer who was injured. We urge people to be respectful of one another during these tragic times,” Vigil-Masten said.

Hoopa Elementary, Hoopa High School and Hoopa tribal education programs [were] closed on Friday, Dec. 19. All scheduled youth activities in the Hoopa Valley [were] postponed until further notice.

Deputy fires weapon at suspect in McKinleyville

HUMBOLDT COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE
MCKINLEYVILLE – On Monday, Dec. 15, at about 9 p.m., a Humboldt County Sheriff deputy attempted a traffic stop on a vehicle on Azalea Avenue near Chapel Hill Road in McKinleyville.

The deputy, riding solo, observed a black SUV and learned that the vehicle’s registered owner had a felony warrant. The vehicle initially failed to stop and continued to drive in the 2300 block of Chapel Road.

During the traffic stop, the suspect vehicle pulled down into a private driveway with the deputy following. At this time, the suspect vehicle attempted to drive back out of the driveway towards the deputy’s location, at which time shots were fired by the deputy sheriff.

During the suspect’s attempt to evade the deputy, the suspect vehicle struck two parked vehicles in the driveway.

An injured female inside the vehicle has not yet been identified. The adult female received an unknown type of hand injury and was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

A male suspect fled from the vehicle and ran into a wooded area. Information was gathered that the fleeing male suspect may have been armed at the time he fled.

A search of the area was conducted utilizing Sheriff’s Deputies and responding officers from Arcata Police Department, Eureka Police Department and the California Highway Patrol.

A Fortuna Police K-9 officer arrived and assisted with the search. After several hours of searching, the police K-9 located a male suspect hiding in the wooded area.

The male suspect, Michael Lawrence Barrett, 23, was arrested and transported to the Humboldt County Jail and booked with a no bail charge for the parole violation warrant.

A county-wide shooting investigative team has been activated and is currently investigating the incident and conducting interviews with all of the involved subjects. The deputy has been placed on administrative leave per the Sheriff’s Office shooting protocol.

Mck man arrested after violent encounter

MAD RIVER UNION
MCKINLEYVILLE – Allegedly whacked out on narcotics, a McKinleyville man fought with Humboldt County Sheriff’s deputies during an arrest on Thursday morning, Dec. 18.

At about 9:55 a.m., deputies were called to a business at the 2100 block of Central Avenue in McKinleyville regarding a disturbance and trespassing.

When deputies arrived, they contacted a male matching the description of the subject causing the disturbance, who was identified as Jason Edward Balke, a 34-year-old resident of McKinleyville.

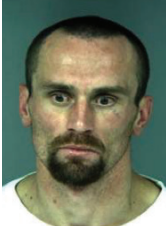
Deputies approached Balke to take him into custody for being under the influence of narcotics. Balke physically resisted and

started struggling with the arresting deputies.

During the struggle, he attempted to strike one of the deputies with a closed fist but was unsuccessful. Balke pulled the hair of one of the arresting deputies and ripped the deputy’s shirt.

As Balke continued to fight, one of the deputies deployed a Taser (electronic control device) at Balke. After it was deployed, the other deputies were able to place Balke in handcuffs.

Balke was then transported to the Humboldt County Correctional Facility, where he was booked on suspicion of assault on a peace officer, resisting arrest, public intoxication, trespassing and violation of terms of probation. Balke is in custody with a bail amount set at \$50,000.



Jason Edward Balke

HISTORY

Yesteryear’s yuletide holiday wasn’t so different from today’s

Bryn Robertson
MAD RIVER UNION
ARCATA – The Christmas celebrations of yesteryear in Arcata were much the same as today’s.

A century ago, Santa visited Jacoby’s Storehouse, children enjoyed candies and gifts, churches offered special holiday services and local stores hawked merchandise for holiday gift giving.

Church-related events, gift suggestions and a quote from Santa himself covered the festive pages of the *Arcata Union* 100 years ago.

The following are highlights from the *Arcata Union* from the years 1914 and 1915.

December, 1914
One of the most elaborate and impressive Christmas services of the season will be rendered at the Presbyterian Church, Sunday, December 20. An outline of the beautiful programme “Christmas for the World” will be given in the next week’s issue. The children of the Sunday School are busily planning for the event.

Santa Claus Comes to Brizard’s – Watch for him.
“Every man, woman and child,” says Santa, “should be here next Saturday, for to choose gifts early means to choose gifts well.”

Santa Claus at Brizard’s:
Following an annual custom, Old Santa Claus again accepted the 1914 invitation of A. Brizard, Inc., and made their store his headquarters on Saturday afternoon. Promptly at

2:30, the jolly old gentleman landed on the roof at the rear of the store in his Zeppelin, and leaving the machine in his hangar, descended to the second-story window by means of a ladder which had been placed there for his convenience.

Followed by several hundred children, he then made his way for the mammoth fire place at the head of the stairs on the mezzanine floor, where each child was presented with a box of Christmas candy, in a neat holly box. Some 400 boxes were given out, and every child was made happy.

The big fireplace, which was built by the store to see, and occupies the space at the head of the stairs, some 20 feet in width. The opening for the grate is used as arch way for people going to the second floor. A mammoth mantle is placed above the fire place on each side, to which hung stockings distended with presents, and so natural was the imitation brick work in the big chimney, that many people went up and felt it to see if it were real or not.

Suggested gifts for men:
Work Gloves: 50¢
Ties and Cravats: 25¢ and 50¢ pair
Smoking Jackets: “Helps the man take care of his good coat” \$5.00 and \$6.00.

December, 1915
The service at the Presbyterian church last Sunday evening was a Christmas missionary symposium, members of the Woman’s Home and Foreign Missionary Society giving the program.



CHRISTMAS 90 YEARS AGO Arcata Bottom farm children Dora and Frances Seidell, ages 14 and 10, got tennis rackets for Christmas in 1924. Marlin, 12, and Lee, 7 got a new rifle.

PHOTOS COURTESY DAVE GLENDE

Mrs. J.R. Kirkpatrick sang with much expression as the offertory, Adams’ “Holy Night.”

The Christmas spirit at home and abroad was clearly illustrated by various interesting articles showing that the work of faithful missionaries is being appreciated. Music appropriate to the occasion was rendered in old time carols and hymns.

The Presbyterian Sunday school yuletide festivals last Friday evening were well attended and admirably carried out. Songs, readings and recitations setting forth the story of Christmas were all interesting and



the program was much enjoyed.

Superintendent J.P. Peterson spoke on “The Meaning of Christmas” asking questions of the pupils. At the close Santa Claus appeared giving to each child present a box of “good cheer.”

The management of the Minor Theatre have arranged a special Matinee for XMAS afternoon, Sunday, December 25th, starting at 2:30 and ending at 4 o’clock. This will give you plenty of time to see TILLIE before your Xmas dinner, and the management insures you that after witnessing “TILLIE’S TOMATO SURPRISE,”

Randy’s got some 20th century holiday advice for you

Note: This column was discovered on Cab 10 columnist and author Randy Collenberg’s computer following his death on Nov. 26, 1999. – Ed.

This is a special time of year, especially this year with the new millennium on the horizon.

But with all the fun and excitement of the holiday season such as Christmas parties, shopping, cocktail parties and the new millennium it also brings with it things that we don’t like to think about.

So I just want to give you a few Cab 10 tips while you’re out there shopping, partying, putting up the Christmas tree or just having fun with your friends.

Christmas Shopping
Men, women and children

will be packing the stores with their checkbooks, credit cards and cash buying up everything in sight.

Women will be running around the malls like a bunch of wild animals buying up everything they see.

You can tell how fast they’re going by their purses. If their purses are hanging by their sides, which is rare, they’re going about 25 mph, but if their purses are fully extended behind them they’re going about 100 mph.

Men will be going at a much slower pace, looking for a deal and at the ladies.

Kids will be everywhere talking, giggling and shopping, but of most of them are there to show off their earrings, wild hairdos, tattoos or to see whose pants are hanging off their butts farther than the other kids.

Cab 10 shopping tips
Watch out for all the different kinds of shopping rage. It’s everywhere.

Women shoppers. If

you’re shopping next to a woman, she’ll be watching every move you make out of the corner of her eye. As

soon as you grab something off a clothes rack she’ll run towards you like a wild buffalo to see what you’re looking at, because she’ll be afraid that you might be getting a better deal than her. The best thing to do is get the hell out of her way. If you don’t, she’ll probably knock you down trying to get by you. Best thing to do is just leave.

Men who are shopping with their wives. You can tell who these poor guys are, because they’re dragging their feet and are about five to 10 feet behind their wives and have cottonmouth. It’s because they are bored, and have been shopping for over an hour and want to go home and have a beer and mow the lawn. Stay away from them.

They could go into withdrawals or flip out at the next shop their wife goes into.

Teenage shoppers. If you don’t have an earring in your ears, nose, belly button, tongue, eyelid or lip, and if you don’t have a couple of tattoos, multi-colored hair or your pants aren’t hanging off your ass with your boxers showing you won’t be accepted, so get lost. Stay away from them.

Under-teen Shoppers. If you don’t like Legos or Pokemon and you don’t have any Pokemon trading cards you’re not cool. Go back home and play with your Beanie Babies.

Serious shopping tips
Little kids. Keep an eye on your little curtain climbers, they can disappear in a second.

Gifts in cars. Don’t leave them on the car seat or in plain view. Be smart. Please

put them in the trunk.

Money. Don’t flash your cash and always keep your purse with you.

Christmas trees. If you’re going to go into the woods or to a Christmas tree farm to cut your own tree make sure your pickup, car and kids aren’t in the direction of the tree when it falls. Spouses are optional.

Don’t make the mistake I did a few years ago. We cut down a tree that was bigger than we thought, and we couldn’t even carry it, but even if we could’ve, we were parked about two miles away.

If you put lights on your tree, make sure the light bulbs aren’t touching the presents. It could start a fire. Turn your tree lights off before you go to bed.

When Christmas is over, get rid of your tree before it dries out and looks like 90-year-old Aunt Esther and becomes a fire risk or a Y2K nightmare.

Christmas Parties. Be on time and if you’re taking a food dish such as chicken, cook it yourself. Don’t be lazy and take a bowl to Kentucky Fried chicken and have them fill your bowl. We’ll know the difference. Same thing with desserts. Homemade is best.

When you’re at the party eating, don’t lick your fingers; use a napkin or the back of someone’s coat that you don’t like. Always use good manners and no burping and passing gas allowed. Make sure that if you’re going to be drinking at the party that you have

a designated driver and a barf bag so you don’t mess up his or her car.

If you’re going to talk about other people, don’t point. If you don’t have anything nice to say to someone keep your mouth shut.

If you need to use the restroom use it. Don’t pee in the flower bed or off the back deck.

If you see someone that you’re attracted to, don’t use the same old pickup lines, be creative, such as, “I lost my phone number!” “Can I have your phone number?”

If you’re on your first date and haven’t kissed yet, because you’re a shy person like me, ask your date, “Do you kiss on the first date?” If she says, “no.” Then ask her, “Well then, how about on your last date?”

The main thing is to have a good time. Offer to help the host during and after the party. Be polite and respectful to everyone.

Later in the night when you and your date are back at your place and you guys are getting all hot and bothered and you want to have sex with your date, but she says, “No!” She means, “Noooo!”

Always be a gentleman – it has many rewards.

And if you’re going to drink, don’t drive. Use your designated driver or call for a cab.

I wish all of you a happy and safe holiday season.

Randy Collenberg was author of Cab 10, the West Coast Cabbie.

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OPINION

Enjoy what we have

Does a tree fall in the woods make a noise if no one is there to hear it? Is light sparkling on a pond at night anything but bouncing photons if no one is there to describe it as wondrous, tranquil, and the aspiration of romance and creative license? Why are we capable of seeing beauty – what purpose does it serve in the surging, pulsing, leaping competition to revolve and survive with the rest of the creatures of the universe? That is a question that bothers many.
– God’s Art by Greg Smith

Enjoy what we have, while we have it, as the future is a huge question that we don’t have an answer for. Our souls and thoughts exist for a reason and we will find out some time.

Farmers’ Market was not quite as crowded as previous but it was fun even though it was sans music. There was a plink, plank sound coming from one of the benches and in looking I saw a guy fussing with his banjo but not really playing, still fun to watch. The set up and clean up are another smile time and you can offer to help if you’re brave.

Methinks winter has arrived as the Magic Marsh is afloat and the herons are finally back everywhere and ducks galore with the honking crew flying back and forth constantly. Egrets prancing the ponds in the fields while being cawed at by hundreds of ravens and crows with the gulls announcing “it’s gonna’ rain any minute” as they kept looking at the sky forming dark clouds and the wind picking up rapidly. A lot of trimming back going on along the path west of the parking lot, even some trees and bushes down.

The Craft Fair at the Arcata Community Center was pretty well attended on Dec. 14 with so much to peruse and buy, but only what you can afford for the upcoming merry, merry holiday as a gift for someone. If you missed it, there are many sales going on at our local stores, just look around and in the windows as you walk by here in Arcata Eden and “I have found it” and even further if you’re driving or riding a bus as time is running out. Fruit baskets are nice and books are wonderful as are many usable items, *ooh, chocolates*, yummy coffee and our bakeries are great for instant joy.

The other night in the heavy wind and leaf/litter free streets, we had a street sweeper in the early morning hours, just following rules. There was lotsa’ water everywhere with potholes overflowing and gutters playing waterfall in many places. As the day progressed, the streets were full of trucks and cars and bikes. Two bovine carriers parked close by and they were stomping and bellowing for quite a while, as they wanted out to play in the rain.

Animal Planet, channel 33 has a new series on Saturday nights at 9 p.m. called *Yankee Jungle*. If you love critters and wish you could do more to help them survive, be sure a take a gander at this program. I want to go visit but it’s in Maine and we have many to help close by without wasting money even if you have it.

Bottom trek was fun as Tripp Morningstar was driving down the road like he used to all the time and pulled over to talk a spell about his future and how strange it might be when the places he’s living will be sold and he will have to move with his wild kitty and maybe even get a house and daily job if he can find one. Patches was out and waiting for a pet and treat and Elsie’s cat clan is diminishing as time goes by, but the “good dog” next door is back with his little buddy.

The previously fenced horses on Bay School Road and Moxon Lane have been let out to play with the others in the field and that is fun to watch as they race/whiny/bounce around and run to the fence for more play time and treats.

Chow and milk time at the dairy farm where kittenville is and the cows always stop and look to figure out what kind of feed you’re giving those cats, dogs and crows. But they move on down the road and into the usual safe haven for a spell and then here comes the milk truck for the day. Kittens, now cats, are getting friendlier as time goes on. One even climbs on my lap for a spell, and what else you got in there?

Here is a recent quote from Stephen Hawking after his new software was installed: “The development of full artificial intelligence could spell the end of the human race.”

Tai Chi is still good even with many shopping and going visiting for the family Christmas cheer. Noticed some work going on at HealthSPORT by Danco with fences up and trucks parked, another wait and see.

Bev says if you plan on going out and about, be prepared and wear boots or waterproof shoes with non-skid soles. Hat and windbreaker are cool too, and look out for road slime, as it’s everywhere even in da city.



Maybe we could try being reasonable

Trails for everyone

Mr. Driscoll,
I cannot speak to the approval process of trails in the community forest. But your words,
“More importantly why are we just now straying from our standard of shared use trails?”
The fact is, Mr. Driscoll, that it’s always been the policy that not all trails are shared by all users.

You make no mention of the fact that there are numerous trails in the forest that are marked closed to bikes and for that matter, some are closed to horses. The forest is a place of many things for many people and we all have to learn to use it together.

Setting aside the approval process question, I ask you this, “is your objection to any kind of mountain bike only trail or this trail in particular?” If you object to this specific “historic” trail, that’s one thing.

If you object to any kind of “specialized” trail, I would refer you back to the horse trails already in use that are free of bicycles.

I applaud the Horsemen’s donation to the Community Forest, but I should also point out that there are numerous mountain bike events that have also added thousands of dollars to the Community Forest and the City of Arcata.

Not to mention the sweat equity that the mountain bike community has put in. I personally have spent well over 60 hours building trail in the forest moving barrows full of rock, hauling logs and several other forms of labor that are reserved for prison honor camp inmates. Can you say the same?

You bemoan special uses, but I would point to a skate park, which ultimately keeps the people using it off of less desirable venues.

Why would you think it would be any different for a cyclist who just wants to ride a trail without fear of encountering a pedestrian or horseback rider?

This is a new section of forest and we are all trying to figure out the best way of using it. And as you rightly pointed out, it needs to be done in the forum of open public discussion. It will take some time to get there, and I am hopeful that we will come to a satisfactory resolution.

Patrick Grace
Eureka

P.S. I’ll ignore the Red Bull comment, because it was just irrelevant and dumb.

Airport concerns

In reference to your article about the “Airport to get new look,” sounds good. But there are concerns. As of Dec. 2, 2014, United Airlines no longer offers flights to the Sacramento area.

I have heard some concerns of businessmen and other passengers that they will have to drive to the state capital instead of flying there.

Is this any way to run an airline? Not really. Despite the flight delays and cancellations to the Sacramento area, there are people who fly there. This so called “new look,” may not get the response that Ms. Abbott is hoping for. If United Airlines discontinues flight service to Sacramento, businesses will not be able to use the airport for events or promotions.

The “new look” will be a waste of money. Unless United Airlines continues service to the Sacramento area, it will be a useless upgrade. What Humboldt County really needs is more airlines flying into the Eureka-Arcata Airport. This I believe will be money well spent.

If Humboldt County is really concerned about airport upgrades, maybe bringing in more airlines may help.

Michael A. Deffenderfer
McKinleyville

Slough solutions

The article in the Nov. 26 edition of the *Mad River Union* regarding the sumping of trash in Liscom Slough and other tributaries of Humboldt Bay pissed me off.

The following are steps that could be taken to assist in catching the offenders:

Some type of citizen’s patrol in the area. Also, post a large reward leading to the arrest and conviction of the morons doing the dumping.

I believe the caliber of the people involved have family and friends who would turn them in if the reward were large enough.

The bottom line is, people need to keep their eyes open.

Scott R. Baker
McKinleyville



TRAILMATES During an August field trip to the Sunny Brae Tract by the Forest Management Committee (FMC), bicyclists and attendees amicably shared the bike trail without calamity. Like many if not most pre-publicized FMC meetings, public attendees consisted of a member of the Economic Development Committee and a reporter. The controversial, bike-optimized loop represents less than one percent of the Arcata Community Forest’s trail inventory.

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Civic contributions

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County is delighted that so many members of our community nominated worthy individuals and organizations for our 2015 State of the Community Civic Contribution Award.

We received more than 20 excellent nominations; the committee had a very hard time making a final decision because of the high quality of each candidate.

Thank you to everyone who sent us a nomination. We realized that we did not have contact information for the people who submitted the nominations so we may not be able to thank each one of you individually.

Please know that we do appreciate every nomination, and we regret that we can not honor everyone. We do, however, maintain a list of all the nominations and we will consider them along with any new ones next year.

The League of Women Voters of Humboldt County, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Our State of the Community Luncheon recognizes civic contributions to our community and celebrates all the positive aspects of Humboldt County. The State of the Community Luncheon is scheduled for April 17 from noon to 1:30 p.m. We invite you to attend, whether or not your nominee was chosen for the award.

Sincerely,
Byrd A. Lochtie, Co-President
League of Women Voters of
Humboldt County

Season O’ Wonder thanks

Arcata Main Street would like to thank all those who braved the rain to attend the annual beginning to the Season of Wonder and Light on Dec. 5.

The Arcata Fire Protection District volunteered to bring Santa Claus and Mrs Claus from the North Pole to Jacoby’s Storehouse where they greeted all visitors.

❖ LETTERS

The Arcata Chamber of Commerce helped pass out hot apple cider and cookies.

Arcata Main Street sponsored free rides on the Old Town Horse Carriage around the Plaza.

Merchants stayed open late with refreshments.

Our volunteers decorated the Plaza, the trees and light poles around the Downtown.

It was a special, magical night and thank you to all who made it happen.

Sincerely,
Victoria Joyce, president
Arcata Main Street

Rec Guide thanks

The Arcata Parks and Recreation Committee would like to extend a great BIG THANK YOU to the *Mad River Union* for collaborating with local businesses to produce the beautiful, full color 2015 *Arcata Recreation Winter/Spring Activity Guide*.

The new guide showcases the wide variety of opportunities Arcata has to offer North Coast residents, including drop-in activities like badminton, basketball, scrabble and ukulele, to birthday parties, tennis lessons, Zumba and even youth samurai classes.

Arcata Recreation believes in the power of play!

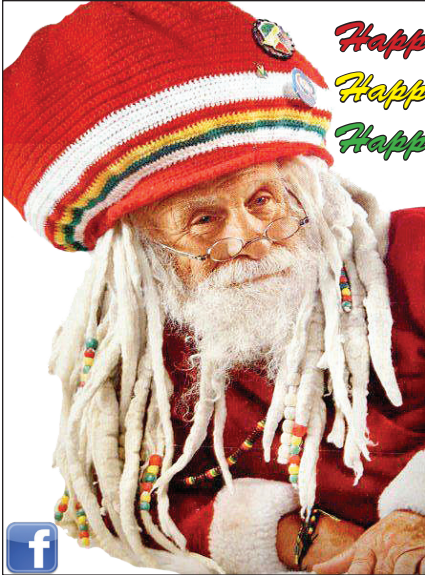

Thanks, *Mad River Union* and our local businesses, for helping make the new *Recreation Guide* so attractive, easy to use and accessible to community members.

And don’t forget this holiday season, a Recreation Gift Certificate makes the perfect playful gift. Buy one online at cityofarcata.org/rec.


Sincerely,
Nancy Starck
Chair, on behalf of the **Arcata**
Parks & Recreation Committee

❖ Letters to the *Mad River Union* must be signed with a real name and include a city of origin. We need a phone number (which won’t be published) for identity verification. Try and keep your letter to 300 words or so, maybe 500 max. If you need more room, contact us about writing an opinion column, which has more expansive parameters. E-mail letters to opinion@madriverunion.com. Opinions expressed on these pages are not necessarily those of the *Mad River Union*, but they might be, you just never know.

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❖ BAND PROFILE

Groovin' in Manila

Thomas Oliver
MAD RIVER UNION

EUREKA — They're barely three songs into their set and already the host at Gallagher's has asked Manila Groove Machine to turn it down. Twice. There's a wedding party in the banquet hall, and semi-acoustic James Brown covers just don't mesh with the eyesore aquamarine chosen as the bride and groom's theme color.

The band takes it in stride and plays some Beatles covers. Gallagher's, it would seem, is not especially musician-friendly save for single-instrument troubadours and aspiring beat poets. Forced to leave their drummer, Joey Incorvaia, at home, three-quarters of Manila Groove Machine is crammed into an alcove just inside the front door.

Zach Alder and Sarah Tores ("Sato" as she's called), the ostensible lead singers, can barely stand shoulder to shoulder, while presumptive first guitar Beth Isbell hunkers behind them tinkering with a pentatonic scale.

Manila Groove Machine is something of an anarcho-communist splinter cell. No one cops to playing "an instrument" or being "the singer," insistent that most everyone does most everything. They are a band without a head, without a leader, without an identity. This is to be expected of a patchwork band sewn together at Blondies' open mics over the past two months, and while there are obvious wrinkles, stylistic, role, and otherwise, it is clear that they are simply those of a new band learning to work together, and not an ominous harbinger of a dreary end.

Isbell is the most vocal member of the band, simultaneously fulfilling and distancing herself from the role of de facto leader. She has the most experience, having recorded both solo and group albums and studied at the Academy of Contemporary Music at the University of Central Oklahoma, and is responsible for bringing the band together. But she is quick to shoot down any notion of being the band's head.

"[We're] learning how to react and feel off each other," Isbell says, and that is made abundantly clear by their Gallagher's set. Left to improvise in the back as Alder and Tores plow through covers and originals in the first hour of their set, Isbell tended to get carried away with her noo-



MACHINE MEMBERS Beth Isbell, Zach Alder, Sarah Tores and Joey Incorvaia.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

dling. She's a talented player, but these mistakes stand out, even past Alder's raspy, sometimes over-expressive, Otis Redding-esque howl and Tores' soft vocal intensity.

Following a cover-laden lead-in, the band segues into original pieces by Alder and Tores, and their influences are readily identifiable. James Brown, Gil Scott-Heron and Jim Croce are everywhere in Alder's piece while Tores' are packed to the brim with Bob Dylan, Ann Wilson and Led Zeppelin.

The originals are all quite similar in construction and sound. Songs of lost or unrequited love, wistful and nostalgic with a simple backing melody. Even still, the time is in flux and they are clearly in need of their drummer. After a pleasant Isbell-led cover of The Pixies' "Where Is My Mind?" lacking any of the tinny treble that makes that song so thoroughly unlistenable, Tores took over the mic once

again and made an honest woman out of Lorde's "Royals." The show's apogee was an impromptu rendition of Bob Marley's "Is This Love?" sung by Alder and Isbell, while Tores banged on the drum box. Lyrics were forgotten or muddled, riffs were misplaced, but the piece was charged with such energy that it really didn't matter.

Manila Groove Machine plays without pretension or pomp. Despite their infancy, there is a shared earnestness that makes their mistakes and (so far) conventional writing not only forgivable but enjoyable. This is a band you want to root for, even if you wouldn't buy their coffee mugs or T-shirts just yet. The band is based in Manila and will be taking a break from live performances to focus on writing original material but you can catch them for one last show at The Siren's Song Tavern in Eureka on Saturday, Jan. 24.

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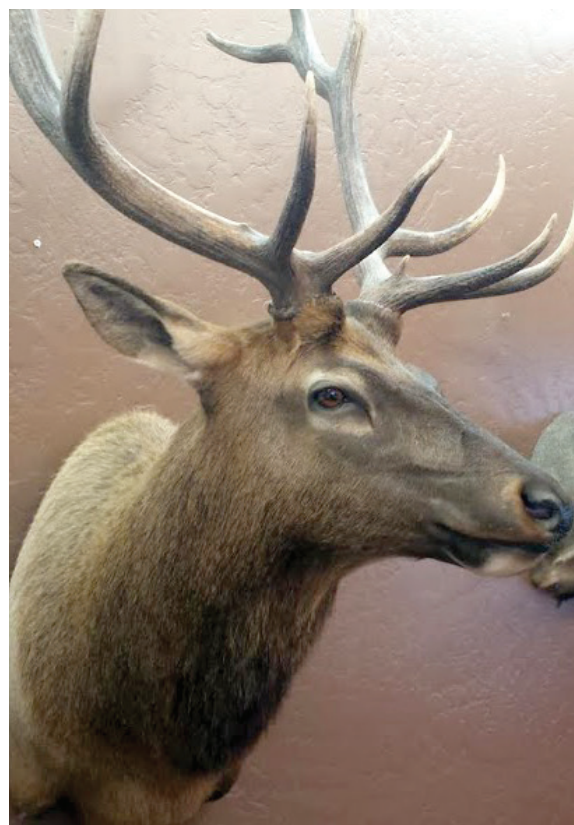
MCKINLEYVILLE — Deer head mounts adorn the wall to the right, on the left are dozens of abalone shells, and behind the counter Reed Gatton is hard at work preparing for the day ahead of him.

Gatton is the owner of Gatton Taxidermy, one of Humboldt County's few professional

taxidermy shops. With the motto, "A passion for perfection," Gatton specializes in turning hunted game into beautiful works of art. He can stuff anything from bears to foxes, but does not work on birds or pets.

The majority of Gatton's clients bring in deer, and deer molds and antlers cover the shop. Even though his work requires an eye

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OH DEER! Reed Gatton, left, owner of Gatton Taxidermy, shows off a deer hide that is ready to be put on a deer mold, center, that serves as the base for finished mounts such as one of the finished deer mounts, right, on display in Gatton's shop.

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Buddy Reed 7 p.m., Blondies Food and Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata
Jimi Jeff & The Gypsy Band 7 p.m., Central Station, 1631 Central Ave., McKinleyville
Blues Jam 8:30 p.m., Clam Beach Inn Digger Bar, 4611 Central Ave., McKinleyville
Whomp Whomp Wednesday 9:30 p.m., The Jambalaya, 915 H St., Arcata
Rude Lion Sound 10 p.m., Toby & Jack's, 764 Ninth St., Arcata

❖ **DANCE**
Salsa Night 9 p.m., Robert Goodman Wines, 937 I St., Arcata

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❖ **MUSIC**
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No Covers 7 p.m., Libation, 761 Eighth St., Arcata • *Jazz duo.*
Friday Night Music 7 to 9:30 p.m., Fieldbrook General Store, 4636 Fieldbrook Rd., McKinleyville
Hookah Stew 9 p.m., Firewater Lounge at Cher-Ae Heights Casino, 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad • *Modern rock and pop.*
The Getdown 9 p.m., Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake • *Funk.*
Karaoke 9 p.m., Central Station, 1631

Central Ave., McKinleyville
Rude Lion Sound 9:30 p.m., Toby & Jack's, 764 Ninth St., Arcata
DJs 10 p.m., Sidelines, 732 Ninth St., Arcata

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

❖ **MUSIC**
Good and Evil Twins Karaoke 8 p.m., Silver Lining, California Redwood Coast Humboldt County Airport, McKinleyville
Ultra Secret Good Guy Organization 8 p.m., Redwood Curtain Brewery, 550 South G St., Arcata
Jimi Jeff and the Gypsy Band 9 p.m., Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville
Saturday Night Fever 9 p.m., Firewater Lounge at Cher-Ae Heights Casino, 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad • *Dance beats with DJ Pressure Anya.*
Dr. Squid 9 p.m., WAVE Lounge at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake • *Dance hits.*
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❖ **COMEDY**
Savage Henry Magazine presents comedy with Jay Weingarten & Mikey Kampmann 9 p.m., Humboldt Brews, 856 10th St., Arcata • *With locals Dutch Savage and Ivy Vasquez.*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

❖ **MUSIC**
JD Jeffries and Michael Stewart 5

p.m., Lighthouse Grill, Saunders Shopping Center, Trinidad
Bayside Grange Music Project 5 to 9 p.m., Bayside Grange Hall, 2297 Jacoby Creek Road, Bayside
Piano Jazz 6 to 9 p.m., Larrupin Café, 1658 Patrick's Point Dr., Trinidad • *Music while you dine.*
Open Mic 7 p.m., Mosgo's, 180 Westwood Center, Arcata
Jazz Night 7 p.m., Blondies Food and Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata
Karaoke with KJ Leonard 8 p.m., WAVE Lounge at Blue Lake Casino, 777 Casino Way, Blue Lake
Karaoke with Chris Clay 8 p.m., Firewater Lounge at Cher-Ae Heights Casino, 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad
Sundaze with Deep Groove Society 9 p.m., Jambalaya, 915 H St., Arcata

❖ **DANCE**
Rueda de Casino (Cuban Salsa) 7 p.m., Redwood Raks, 824 L St., Arcata

❖ **OTHER**
Potluck 6 p.m., Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake • *Share a dish with friends old and new.*
Trivia Night 8 p.m., Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

❖ **MUSIC**
Anemones of the State 5 p.m., Sushi Spot, 1552 City Center Rd., McKinleyville • *Yes, it's the Aber Miller and Drew Mohr jazz duo.*
Buddy Reed 7 p.m., Crush, 1101 H St., Arcata
Karaoke with DJ Marv 8 p.m., Six Rivers Brewery, 1300 Central Ave., McKinleyville

Rude Lion Mondayz 9:30 p.m., Ocean Grove Cocktail Lounge, 480 Patrick's Point Dr., Trinidad
The Getdown 10 p.m., The Jambalaya, 915 H St., Arcata

❖ **DANCE**
Swing Dance Night 7 p.m., Redwood Raks, 824 L St., Arcata

❖ **OTHER**
Free Pool all day, Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake
Quiz Night 7 p.m., Blondies Food and Drink, 420 E. California Ave., Arcata

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

❖ **MUSIC**
Buddy Reed 7 p.m., Libation, 761 Eighth St., Arcata
Karaoke with Chris Clay 8 p.m., Cher-Ae Heights Casino, 27 Scenic Dr., Trinidad
Good and Evil Twins Karaoke 8 p.m., Silver Lining, California Redwood Coast-Humboldt County Airport, McKinleyville.

❖ **COMEDY**
Savage Henry Weekly Comedy Night 9 p.m., The Jambalaya, 915 H St., Arcata

❖ **OTHER**
Ping Pong noon, Logger Bar, 510 Railroad Ave., Blue Lake
Game Night 5 p.m., Crush, 1101 H St., Arcata

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Harbor district petitions to increase halibut limits; old boats saved

Benjamin Fordham
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT BAY – The Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation and Conservation District Commission wants increased halibut fishing off the North Coast.

The commission voted unanimously at its Dec. 18 meeting to send a letter to the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC) asking for increased catch limits.

Citing data from the IPHC, Humboldt State University and the Humboldt Area Saltwater Anglers, the letter states that “these data show that our Pacific halibut population is robust.”

“They should be letting us fish more,” said Division 1 Commissioner Aaron Newman. “This season should be wide open for commercial halibut.”

Power savings

Also at the meeting, the commission received the district's energy audit for Samoa's Terminal 2 site from Arcata consulting firm OurEvolution Energy and Engineering. OurEvolution principal engineer Andy Sorter told the commission that it could potentially save over 40 percent in energy costs at the site, which was



SAVED FROM DAVEY JONES' LOCKER The F/V Stephanie is one of the historic fishing boats being restored by the Humboldt Bay Maritime Museum.

PHOTO FROM F/V STEPHANIE FACEBOOK PAGE

originally built to run 24 hours a day and lacks features like light switches in every room.

“We’re going to use this information and implement it instantly,” said the district’s Director of Facility Maintenance, Alan Bobillot.

Saving history

The commission heard from Leroy Zerlang of the Humboldt Bay Maritime Museum, who asked the district to store the

101-year-old boat the Luigi while it is restored. “We’re asking for a year’s free moorage at Woodley Island Marina,” Zerlang said. “We can all work together on saving another boat.”

Along with the 97-year-old fishing vessel the Stephanie and the 105-year-old ferry the Mada-ket, the Luigi would provide the museum with the three oldest boats on the bay. While the commission did not take action on the

non-agenda item, they agreed to consider the request at a future meeting.

Zerlang also told the commission that vessel the Golden Rule, which is being restored by Veterans for Peace, should be ready to launch in the spring. The boat, which set sail for the Marshall Islands in 1958 to protest nuclear testing there (the boat was confiscated and its crew arrested in Hawaii), is considered the forbear of Greenpeace.

When it launches, it will sail to ports around the country serving as a living museum and floating classroom.

Name that Boat

During staff reports, the commission heard from District CEO Jack Crider regarding the district’s “Name that Boat” contest, which will give the public an opportunity to rename the fireboat, response/work boat and dredge. The district will try to drum up excitement for the contest in the coming months. The commission hopes the contest will showcase its fleet.

Boiler for sale

Crider also updated the commission on the district’s attempt to sell the former pulp mill site’s

recovery boiler, saying the negotiations have seen a group from the Philippines emerge as the leading bidder. “They are most definitely still interested,” Crider said.

Dredge report

Bobillot reported on the status of the district’s newly purchased dredge, which is being painted Harbor Safety Blue by a CalFire work group. “It’s been a great partnership so far,” Bobillot said.

Shipping news

District Bar Pilot Tim Petrusha also told the commission that the chip freighter Crimson Polar-is was waylaid in port for several days due to dangerous seas, and that the water depth in the harbor entrance depth is down to 39 feet, also due to the bad weather. “We’re seeing some shoaling from these big storms,” Petrusha said.

New assistant sought

The commission also discussed the search for the newly created assistant executive director position, with Commissioner Patrick Higgins saying the district has received a number of qualified applicants to date. “I’m floored by the quality of people who have applied,” Higgins said. “We’re going to pick up a very capable assistant for the [executive director].”

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— Paul Mann

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Last Friday and Saturday, Dec. 20 and 21, the National Weather Service measured 1.69 inches of rain at Woodley Island in Eureka. Water was at least six inches high on either side of the old covered bridge at Zane Ranch on Elk River Road Saturday night. Hundreds of frogs were spotted jumping out of drainage ditches nearby.



SPECIMEN SKULLS Remnants cleaned by flesh-eating beetles on display in Gatton's shop.

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Taxidermy | Methodical animal artistry

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for aesthetic detail, Gatton does not necessarily consider himself an artist.

“Taxidermy by definition is movement of the skin, and that’s really what it comes down to,” he said.

Gatton’s turn-around time is anywhere from six to eight months, but will sometimes be longer depending on how many projects he is working on.

The process begins with a customer bringing in a specimen. Usually they come in frozen and need to be thawed, but during hunting season sometimes they will come in fresh. The preservation process then begins.

Gatton must remove all parts of the animal from the hide. This step is one of the most important, because there must be enough hide to cover the mold. Gatton said this year a lot of people brought in specimens that were unusable because they were not cut properly.

Once the hide is removed, it is salted and dried on racks. The drying process takes about three days.

The hides must then be shipped out to a tannery where they are wet tanned and then shipped back to Gatton Taxidermy.

Gatton’s shop is filled with animal molds. Most of them are deer heads but a fox sits in the corner and a fish hangs on the wall. These molds are the base of the finished piece. Each mold must be scored and sanded so the glue will hold. Gatton also carves in more detail and adds depth with clay depending on how the finished product is intended to look.

Once the mold is prepared, the hide is put on. The skin is tucked in around the mouth, tear ducts and eyes to make a realistic-looking mount.

Looking at the finished product, you can see the time and detail Gatton puts into his work. He said that customers have joked about throwing their other pieces away once they bring his home because they do not look nearly as good.

“I love animals,” Gatton said. “People think it’s strange to be an animal lover and a hunter but it goes hand in hand for most of us.”

Gatton Taxidermy is located at 1580 Nursery Rd. in McKinleyville, off of Central Avenue.
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A TAXIDERMIST'S LIFE FOR ME Gatton prepares a bear hide in his shop.

Three local artists receive Victor Thomas Jacoby award



AWARD RECIPIENTS Deena Dodds and Lynn Jones are two of the three artists granted the award.

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HUMBOLDT AREA FOUNDATION

BAYSIDE — The 2014 Victor Thomas Jacoby Awards were presented on Dec. 12 to three North Coast artists: Deena Dodds, Lynn Jones and Steven Vander Meer.

Victor Jacoby, an internationally renowned natural fiber artist, established this fund before his death in 1997. The Victor Thomas Jacoby Fund is dedicated to supporting Humboldt County visual artists and craftspeople encouraging the exploration of new ideas, materials, techniques, media, images and excellence. This year, three awards of \$10,000 were presented to the recipients.

Dodds is passionate about using art to promote her culture. She loves to create baskets and looks forward to being able to improve the quality of her Native American weaving. She is excited to share her learning with the next generation by teaching classes. A portion of this funding will be used to support her process of gathering materials such as sticks and roots for her weaving. Gathering materials is arduous work, requiring several trips in different region’s mountains and rivers.

Jones plans on using the award to explore large format linoleum block cutting. The selection committee

determined that her desire to have more time to develop artistically was a perfect fit for Jacoby’s vision. Jones explained that, “over the last year, I have been trying to make time to create a portfolio of purely creative artwork, but I have been preoccupied with earning enough money to keep my business afloat. I have felt obligated to produce anything that will earn a quick dollar, usually small graphic design jobs.”

Vander Meer, an award-winning animator, plans on using the grant funding to explore animating to a piece of music, rather than adding the music afterwards as he has done in previous films. His chosen medium is drawing by hand on three-by-five inch index cards with flip book style animation. Each frame is completely hand-drawn and then scanned to form a movie. The frame rate is 12 drawings per second, requiring 720 drawings per minute of film. His last film took three years to complete and was selected by 21 festivals in both the United States and abroad.

The Victor Thomas Jacoby Fund is presented annually and administered by the Humboldt Area Foundation. For more information contact Cassandra Wagner at (707) 442-2993 or at cassandraw@hafoundation.org.

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Seaside village looks back and forward

Christmas Eve brings Trinidad an opportunity to celebrate the joy of Christmas at two Trinidad churches.

Saints Martha and Mary Episcopal Church next to the school on Trinity Street will observe a Festive Mass, which will include singing Christmas hymns, at 5 p.m. today, Dec. 24. Father Doug Thompson will lead the celebration.

Holy Trinity Church, Trinidad's oldest building at Hector and Parker streets, will hold its Christmas Mass at 7 p.m. today as well.

Both churches welcome all celebrants, regardless of denomination.

Remembering Mary Wilbur

Mary Wilbur, Trinidad's beloved nonagenarian appreciator of cherry trees, flowers, tea, humorous anecdotes, intelligent conversation, her husband Emery – who passed before her – her children Evan and Jane, her beautiful grandchildren and her poodle, Quince, will be celebrated at a Town Hall gathering on Saturday, Dec. 27 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Neighbor and friend Pat Morales, (707) 677-0999 or mawheezzer@suddenlink.net, would appreciate knowing in advance if you are able to attend.

Last Chance This Year to Hear JD Jeffries

JD Jeffries and Michael Stewart will entertain with mixed genre classic and original tunes on Sunday, Dec. 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Lighthouse Grill in the shopping center.

New Year's Day at Humboldt Lagoons State Park

Fancy a free guided hike or paddle in Humboldt Lagoons State Park on New Year's Day? Join the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Patrick's Point Sector, for a family-friendly hike at 11 a.m. Meet at Dry Lagoon Parking lot. The guided interpretive walk will begin along the beach and then head inland following the trail around the back of Sharp Point to Stone Lagoon. It's approximately five miles round-trip and includes some gradient. Wear comfortable hiking shoes and warm clothing.

You also could meet at the Stone Lagoon Visitor Center, 115336 U.S. Hwy. 101 with your kayak, stand-up-paddleboard or canoe and gear at 11 a.m. for a paddling trip along the sand spit before heading to Ryan's Cove. The hikers and paddlers will meet for lunch and a celebration of last summer's reopening of Ryan's Cove campground. The paddle is approximately four miles round-trip.

If you don't have gear, you can rent it from Kayak Zak's a half price for the event. Wetsuits and gear will be available at regular prices but email info@kayakzak.com in advance for rental reservations.

Heavy wind or rain will cancel this event. Bring layered clothing, lunch and drinking water. All participants are eligible to win one of ten new life jackets in a free raffle

drawing.

For more information, call Keven Harder at (707) 845-6171 or Kayak Zak's at (707) 498-1130.

Five January Fine Arts Salons

Donna Haddock of Inner Center Fine Arts Institute will host five January Friday Fine Arts Salons in Trinidad.

The fine arts programs will focus on portraiture and its purpose, materials, methods, techniques and styles. Artists from the ancients to contemporaries will be highlighted. Salons will be held on Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. A \$10 donation is suggested for each salon, which includes light refreshments.

Seating is limited, so reservations are important. Call (707) 496-5354 for details and venue locations.

100 Year Big Wave Anniversary

A commemoration of the 200 foot wave that engulfed the 1871 Trinidad Head Lighthouse on Dec. 31, 1914, when Capt. Fred Harrington was on duty in the lighthouse, will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the lighthouse. All are invited.

Shuttles provided by Trinidad Rancheria will be available for those who cannot walk up to the lighthouse.

For information, call Bureau of Land Management Interpretive Specialist Leisyka Parrott at (707) 825-2313.

Tami Silver's Book Signing

Tami Silver, author of the young adult fantasy novel, *Half Drowned*, will read from her book on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 7 p.m. in the Trinidad Library. Meet this charming, talented author in person and find out the inspiration for her writing Book One in the Half Drowned Series. The event is free of charge.

Trinidad to Clam Beach Run

The Trinidad to Clam Beach Run honoring Fred Hess is Saturday, Jan. 31. Race Director Dori Fulk needs volunteers for one of Trinidad's biggest annual events, which regularly attracts around 1,000 athletes who run in events ranging from three to eight and three-quarter miles. Call Dori at (707) 496-0186 or email midorifulk@gmail.com for information and duty assignments.

Merry Christmas!

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.

T'AI CHI Margy Emerson is offering a 10-week term in T'ai Chi starting Tuesday, Jan. 6. Classes are at 1049C Samoa Blvd. at K Street and Samoa Boulevard in Arcata. There are two programs for beginners: T'ai Chi for Back Pain & Arthritis and Traditional long form Wu style. Daytime and evening classes are available. Students can start as late as the third week. All are invited to visit a class with no obligation to pay or enroll. Call the instructor at (707) 822-6508 or visit margaretemerson.com for the schedule, fees, and other details.

Good Shepherds want to watch your flock by night

The shelter's recent Open House was a great success! Visitors to the shelter were able to meet the adoptable dogs and cats, snack on some tasty refreshments and buy raffle tickets for a wide variety of prizes. Between raffle ticket sales and a silent auction of goods and services, \$5,000 was raised for the Emergency Medical Fund! A few lucky dogs and cats were even adopted that day (including recently featured Marbles), while many more met potential adopters. Friends for Life, who administer the Emergency Medical Fund, would like to thank all the generous supporters, donors, staff and volunteers for making this such a successful event.

Wet weather and other factors have contributed to keeping the numbers of animals in the shelter very high recently. As a shelter volunteer and animal lover, it is frustrating to watch and difficult to know what the solution might be to so many lost and unwanted pets. Please spay and neuter your pets and encourage your friends to do the same. Microchips

and even inexpensive pet tags with owner information really help to reunite owners with their lost pets. Animal control officers do not want to see your dog or cat in the shelter any more than you do! Available owner information, combined with proof of current rabies vaccination, is the ticket to a speedy reunion.

We had fun taking holiday photos of the adoptable dogs this month. Two of our most cooperative and enthusiastic participants get to be featured for this Christmas Eve edition.

Both Sam and Loba have been big favorites with the shelter volunteers, who do much of the shelter's dog-walking. These two girls have several things in common. Both are very people-focused and love to see their regular friends. Both of these dogs have missed out on some earlier opportunities for learning appropriate dog socialization. We have seen this in many dogs over the years and know it can be fairly easily remedied with handlers who are willing to learn. There are some good classes and trainers locally that can show owners how to help their dogs gain confidence and dog social skills. It is very rewarding to be able to open up the world of doggie play to a dog who hasn't had much of that before. Sometimes it is as simple as teaching them where to stick their noses first upon meeting another dog! (Hint: it isn't in the other dog's face.)

Loba is a 4-year-old sable-colored German Shepherd dog mix. She is good on the leash and loves to show off her tricks. She is scheduled to start attending dog class in the new year with volunteers (if she is not adopted before then) to refine her dog-meeting skills. She is so motivated to please



Loba

her handlers that I am confident that she will do fine as soon as she catches on to what is expected of her. It is amazing how quickly a dog can learn when given half a chance.

Loba is a nice compact size and would love to show the right person what a special loyal friend she can be.

Sam is also a German Shepherd dog mix. She is about three years old and has a lovely golden coat. Sam walked right into our Santa photo shoot and lay down at Santa's feet, even though she had never met him before and he was dressed in a way that might put off some dogs! She is a very loving dog. Volunteers have mentioned how nice it is that she doesn't jump up on people and how good she is out on her walks. Sam has been getting much better around other dogs and should do just fine with an owner that is willing to follow up with continued training.

Both of these dogs are spayed, micro-chipped and current on vaccinations. They can be seen at the Humboldt County Animal Shelter at 980 Lycoming Ave. (off of Airport Road) in McKinleyville. The shelter will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 25 and 26. For more information on these or other animals, please call (707) 840-9132.



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TAX PREP VITA/Earn It, Keep It, Save It is recruiting volunteers to prepare income tax returns in Humboldt County beginning Jan. 31. Sponsored by 2-1-1 Humboldt/Humboldt Community Access and Resource Centers, Redwood Community Action Agency and United Way of the Wine County, the program offers free tax preparation services for low-to-moderate income individuals and families who had a combined household income of \$53,000 or less in 2014. Tax preparers make a difference in the community by helping families receive the credits and refunds they deserve, which subsequently put money back into our local economy. The program provides free training to volunteers who become IRS certified to prepare tax returns. Preparers can then expect to spend five to 20 hours per week, Mondays through Saturdays, preparing returns, with flexible hours arranged to fit your schedule. No experience is necessary to apply. Spanish speakers are encouraged to apply. To volunteer, register at uwwc.volunteereasy.com. (707) 441-1001

Seven sniffy snugglers

Seven sensational pups are sniffing around Companion Animal Foundation this week! At 10 weeks old, these terrier/poodle/dachshund mixes are an armful of snuggles.

CAF seeks foster homes for these darlings as well as forever homes. Foster homes must bring animals into the Sunny Brae store each business day (Tuesday through Saturday) between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. so potential adopters can meet them.

To adopt, come visit the pups at the thrift store and



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grab an adoption application. Applications are also available on our website. All of the rescues at CAF are spayed or neutered and up-to-date on routine vaccinations prior to adoption. For more information on adopting, please email cafanimals@gmail.com, visit cafanimals.org, call (707) 826-PETS (7387) or visit the thrift store at 88 Sunny Brae Center in Arcata.

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Solution in next week's Mad River Union

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Construction begins on affordable housing

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ARCATA – The Arcata Bay Crossing affordable housing project is now under construction. The project, which has been several years in the making, will create 31 units of permanent and affordable housing at 280 E St.

Before the project could move ahead, the city and the developer had to resolve concerns about liability for soil contamination.

Earlier this month, the Arcata City Council was approached by Arcata Bay Crossing to accept liability up to \$100,000 for cleanup in the event that substantial contamination is found during construction.

Ground contamination is not unknown in the area. When construction began on the nearby Marsh Commons in the 1990s, petroleum contamination was discovered.

Environmental audits done in 2009, 2013 and this year showed lim-

ited amounts of soil contamination in the area of the property covered by blackout. Though it was determined a low threat, the lender for the project, PNC Financial Services, required the city to accept the risk in case cleanup became necessary.

Staff recommendation at the beginning of the meeting was that the city not accept indemnification. Community member Kent Sawatsky agreed, “There is functionally no reason to write this check for \$100,000.”

However, the council agreed to accept the risk once certain terms were agreed to. The city will only be liable for the cleanup once the construction developer’s contingency budget has been exhausted. The standard for the cleanup must also be determined by a regulatory agency, either the Department of Environmental Health or the Water Quality Control Board, and not the lender.

“I think it’s a small risk to take to make sure this project happens,” said

Councilmember Alex Stillman.

Council unanimously agreed to accept indemnification at the Dec. 3 meeting, ensuring that the project could move forward.

With the affordable housing project underway, the city must still address the remaining parcel of land that cannot be developed at this time.

At its Dec. 17 meeting, the council adopted a resolution of intention to sell the remaining parcel located at 250 E St., which is where Arcata Bay Mini Storage is located. Because of the 220 storage units and 75 vehicles in long-term storage, that parcel of land is not currently suitable for housing development.

The council will need to adopt a second resolution at a hearing on Jan. 7 before the parcel can be put on the market. All money from the sale of the property will go to a fund supporting affordable housing programs in the city.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE Remember and celebrate the life of Mary Wilbur, pictured here with Quince, on Saturday, Dec. 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Trinidad Town Hall, 409 Trinity St. in Trinidad. Please RSVP to Mary’s dear friend and neighbor Pat Morales at (707) 677-0999 or mawheezer@suddenlink.net. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

This business is conducted by: A General Partnership S/SYLVIA GARLICK, BROKER/OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on November 24, 2014
C. CRNICH
A. ABRAM DEPUTY
12/3, 12/10, 12/17, 12/24

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

14-00694

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

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VINCENT M. POLLOCK
13279 BRICELAND-THORN ROAD
WHITEHORN, CA 95589

This business is conducted by: An Individual S/VINCENT POLLOCK, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on December 3, 2014
C. CRNICH
A. ABRAM DEPUTY
12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

14-00729

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

TRENCHSCAN
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EUREKA, CA 95503
JASON P. BUCK
1936 CROWELL LANE
EUREKA, CA 95503

This business is conducted by: An Individual S/JASON BUCK, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on December 17, 2014
C. CRNICH
A. ABRAM DEPUTY
12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

TINA GEORGE SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT CASE NO. CV140811

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner TINA GEORGE has filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present name TINA GEORGE to Proposed name TINA DAWSON.

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court, located at 825 5th Street, Eureka, California, at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the application should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

Date: February 2, 2015 Time: 1:45 p.m. Dept.: 8

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once a week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Mad River Union.

Date: DEC. 15, 2014 W. BRUCE WATSON Judge of the Superior Court 12/24, 12/31, 1/7, 1/14

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GLADYS M. BERGHAGEN

A.K.A. GLADYS MAE CASE NO.: PR140301

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: GLADYS M. BERGHAGEN A.K.A. GLADYS MAE BERGHAGEN

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: CLYDE BERGHAGEN AND JERRY BERGHAGEN in the Superior Court of California, County of HUMBOLDT.

The Petition for Probate requests that: CLYDE BERGHAGEN AND JERRY BERGHAGEN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take any actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: January 8, 2015 Time: 2:00 PM Dept.: 8

Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, 825 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA, 95501.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a formal Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for the petitioner: RYAN HURLEY GALE & NIELSEN 2850 HARRIS STREET EUREKA, CA 95503 (707) 269-0167 12/10, 12/17, 12/24

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR FOSTER AVENUE EXTENSION PROJECT 2014

FEDERAL PROJECT RPSTPL-5021(009) ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE \$2,200,000.00

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Manager, 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521.

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If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City of Arcata, Community Development Department, Microenterprise Program, 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521 or you may telephone (707) 822-5955, FAX (707) 825-2029.

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS FOR FOSTER AVENUE EXTENSION PROJECT 2014

FEDERAL PROJECT RPSTPL-5021(009) ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE \$2,200,000.00

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the City Manager, 736 F Street, Arcata, CA 95521.

The City of Arcata is soliciting bids for the construction of the Foster Avenue Extension Project 2014, Arcata, CA. The project includes but is not limited to: removal of; existing asphalt pavement, concrete sidewalk, concrete curb and gutter, and drainage facilities; and the placement/construction of concrete sidewalk, curb, curb and gutter, asphalt pavement, pavement striping and markings, signage, storm drain piping, storm drain inlets, water and wastewater system extension, retaining wall, drainage swales, providing and adjusting water meter boxes to grade, and adjusting utility and manhole covers to grade.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that anyone desiring to present oral testimony regarding these items and the related environmental determination may do so prior to or at the public hearing(s) noticed herein. Written testimony shall be made by submitting a minimum of ten (10) copies of the written testimony.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the information regarding the hearing item(s) may be reviewed at the Community Development Department at Arcata City Hall, 736 "F" Street, Arcata, on weekdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., excluding City recognized holidays.

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14-00698

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INDUSTRIAL TROUBLE-SHOOTING & REPAIR
4785 ASTER AVE.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519
TIMOTHY E. ROSS
4785 ASTER AVE.
MCKINLEYVILLE, CA 95519

This business is conducted by: An Individual S/TIMOTHY E. ROSS, OWNER

This statement was filed with the Humboldt County Clerk on December 3, 2014
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A. ABRAM DEPUTY
12/10, 12/17, 12/24, 12/31

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

14-00715

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

FIRE & LIGHT
45 ERICSON CT.
ARCATA, CA 95521
FIRE & LIGHT ORIGINALS, LP
45 ERICSON CT.
ARCATA, CA 95521

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14-00724

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as:

GONE WELDING
2905 SAINT LOUIS ROAD
ARCATA, CA 95521
DANIEL L. HOUSER
2284 PARIS AVE.
REDDING, CA 96001

This business is conducted by: An Individual S/DANIEL LEROY HOUSER, OWNER

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862 MAD RIVER ROAD
ARCATA, CA 95521
BY RAVEN'S GRACE, LLC
20147010191
5435 ERICSON WAY #6
ARCATA, CA 95521

This business is conducted by: A Limited Liability Company S/JAMES DEFENBAUGH, MEMBER, BY RAVEN'S GRACE, LLC

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ON THE BEACH
A huge, tangled fishing net, right, washed up on Moonstone Beach last week. Left, marine organisms adhere to one of the net's floats. Tune in right here next week to see what happened the ensuing weekend...
PHOTOS BY TED HALSTEAD



NETTING MOONSTONE, PART 1

So many ways to keep your holidays eco-friendly

CITY OF ARCATA
ARCATA – Is your trash can fuller than usual? The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says the average household's waste increases by 25 percent between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.
To make this holiday season merry for the Earth as well as for loved ones, the City of Arcata's Environmental Services Department wants to pass along these waste-reducing tips.
The holidays are a wonderful time to share your talents and time. Homemade gifts in reusable containers, a home-cooked gourmet meal or a foot massage are gifts that make lasting memories and reduce the amount of "stuff" in our full lives.
Support local businesses and organizations by giving "experience" gifts like concert tickets or gift certificates for spa treatments.
For teens, children or people with babies, gift cards for Arcata Recreation Division activities like jujitsu class or Musikgarten for toddlers, or a month's subscription to a reusable diaper service make thoughtful presents.
High quality, reusable bags, lunch kits and water bottles help your loved

ones stylishly eliminate disposables from their lives. Stainless steel Arcata Ridge Trail water bottles and pint cups from the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center's Nature Store at 569 South G St. make nice stocking stuffers.
The Nature Store is open Mondays from 1 to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays through Sundays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stop in after an invigorating walk in the Marsh.
Consider shopping at thrift stores to find unique, gently used gifts and gift containers. Reusable gift bags and baskets are a great replacement for wrapping paper, and ecards and enewsletters save on postage and paper. For a great, tree-saving gift, consider buying carbon offsets from the Arcata Community Forest.
For just \$10 per metric ton, you can offset your loved one's holiday travel and help grow large, old trees in your local forest's Jacoby Creek/Barnum Tract. Call the Arcata Environmental Services Department at (707) 822-8184 for more information.
When throwing a party, be kind to everyone's waistlines and the landfill by getting a good head count and carefully planning meals.
Most food waste can be composted as long as it is not meat, bones or fat.

Encourage guests to bring reusable containers to take home extra goodies and have a stash of containers on hand to provide your guests in case they forget.
Use serving dishes, glasses, or linens for an elegant presentation, and consider borrowing them from friends if you don't have enough for everyone. Think of how many trash bags you won't be filling with "disposable" plates and cups and leftover food.
And don't forget to recycle your "naked," tinsel-free Christmas tree at Mad River Compost at 6360 West End Rd., Arcata, through Sunday, Jan. 30, or at Eel River Disposal, 555 Vance Ave. in Samoa until Thursday, Jan. 15. Need help hauling your tree? Arcata High School students will pick up your tree from your curb for \$10 through Sunday, Jan. 18. Call (707) 822-8325 to make arrangements.
Broken or outdated Christmas lights, both incandescent and LED, can be recycled by mailing them to Christmas Light Source in Fort Worth, Texas, or HolidayLEDs.com in Jackson, Mich.
For a complete guide to zero waste holiday celebrating, and for a list of Christmas tree drop off locations from Trinidad to Blue Lake, and south to Ferndale, visit CityofArcata.org.

O Christmas tree, please don't end up on the roadside

NOHUM – Once the holidays come to a close and your ornaments and lights are returned to storage, don't forget that your Christmas trees can be returned too. Trees can continue their useful life after the holidays by being recycled and maximized as a resource rather than a waste.
All Christmas trees collected at the locations listed below will create compost or energy. Return your tree to one of the following drop-off sites at no charge; you do not need to be a city resident to use the drop-off in that city.
Christmas tree pick-up is available in some communities through garbage haulers or volunteer groups. Collection dates vary by community. Remove all decorations and tinsel from your tree.
• **Arcata:** Free drop-off for all Humboldt County residents at Mad River Compost, 6360 West End Rd. through Friday, Jan. 30. Also, in Samoa at Eel River Resource Recovery, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at 555 Vance Ave., until Thursday Jan. 15 (707) 441-1043. Arcata High students raising funds will pick up trees curbside for \$10, through Sunday, Jan. 18. (707) 822-8325
• **Blue Lake:** Free drop-off provided by Blue Lake Garbage at Prash Hall, near the baseball fields, through Sunday, Jan. 18. Arcata High students raising funds will pick up trees curbside for \$15, through Sunday, Jan. 18. (707) 822-8325
• **Eureka:** Free drop-off at Humboldt Waste Management Authority's Transfer Station, 1059 W. Hawthorne St. through Monday, Jan. 12. Commercial trees do not apply. Call (707) 268-8680. Recology offers curbside tree pick-up for \$5 in the Eureka and surrounding county on consecutive Fridays, Jan. 2 and 9. Call (707) 442-5711 for appointment.
• **McKinleyville:** Free drop-off at Humboldt Sanitation's Transfer Station, 2585 Central Ave., through Sunday, Jan. 18. Arcata High students raising funds will pick up trees curbside for \$15, through Sunday, Jan. 18. (707) 822-8325
• **Trinidad:** Free drop-off site behind Murphy's Market through Friday, Jan. 30.

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